

commending the agents of the United States Border Patrol; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2029

Whereas, the southern border consists of 1,993 miles of varied terrain, including deserts, rugged mountainous areas, forests and coastal areas; and

Whereas, officially established in 1924 by an act of Congress in response to increasing illegal immigration, the United States Border Patrol has primary responsibility for securing the border between ports of entry; and

Whereas, Border Patrol agents patrol international land borders and waterways to detect and prevent the illegal trafficking of people, narcotics and contraband into the United States; and

Whereas, the southern border of the United States is experiencing unprecedented numbers of individuals attempting to enter the country illegally; and

Whereas, in June 2019, over 100,000 individuals were apprehended at the southern border, which is an increase of more than 140% as compared to June 2018; and

Whereas, the Border Patrol establishes and maintains partnerships with local, state, federal, tribal and international law enforcement partners, as well as local ranchers and other private citizens who own much of the land along the southwest border; and

Whereas, Border Patrol agents work in dynamic environments with multiple and varied threats that are constantly changing and evolving; and

Whereas, Border Patrol agents responded admirably to the COVID-19 pandemic, efficiently implementing the resulting new policies and procedures to ensure the safety of the public; and

Whereas, the Border Patrol protects the United States against terrorists and instruments of terror; and

Whereas, created in 2003, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) conducts transnational criminal investigations to identify and interdict myriad smuggling and cross-border illegal activity. The work of ICE is critical to enforcing immigration law against people who present a threat to national security, are a danger to public safety or undermine the integrity of the immigration system; and

Whereas, demonstrating courage and valor in protecting our nation, Border Patrol agents serve the American people with vigilance, integrity and professionalism: Now therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:*

1. That the Members of the Legislature commend the courage, dedication and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Border Patrol and recognize the vital role they play in safeguarding our state and nation.

2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

POM-81. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska urging the United States Congress to exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act and other applicable provisions of federal law for the period during which Canadian ports are closed to cruise ships carrying more than 100 people; and urging the President of the United States not to fine or take actions against cruise ships sailing to the state; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Whereas, more than 2,260,000 visitors traveled to the state in 2019; and

Whereas, in 2019, approximately 1,331,600 people visited the state by cruise ship, accounting for 90 percent of the visitors to Southeast Alaska; and

Whereas, each year, the tourism industry generates more than \$214,000,000 in state and municipal revenue, more than \$1,400,000,000 in payroll, and \$2,200,000,000 of visitor spending; and

Whereas, on average, the tourism industry creates 8,394 jobs annually, generating \$271,600,000 in wages and earnings for Southeast Alaska each year; and

Whereas, in 2020, the diminished tourism season resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic contributed to an increase in statewide unemployment from 6.2 percent to 11.0 percent; Southeast Alaska, unemployment increased from 4.7 percent to 11.3 percent, which equates to a loss of 17 percent of all jobs in the region; and

Whereas, state residents are being vaccinated against COVID-19 at the highest rate per capita in the country, with 15 percent of state residents having been vaccinated; and

Whereas, on October 30, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a Framework for Conditional Sailing Order, which allows cruise ships to resume sailing with mitigation plans for crews, passengers, and people in port communities and includes requirements for increased testing, additional crew safeguards, simulated voyages, and certification of mitigation plans; and

Whereas, on February 4, 2021, Canada extended until February 22 a ban preventing cruise ships carrying more than 100 people from sailing through Canadian waters; and

Whereas, 46 U.S.C. 55103 (Passenger Vessel Services Act) requires that certain passenger vessels that sail from United States ports must visit a foreign port before returning to a port in the United States; and

Whereas, an exemption of cruise ships from the requirement of visiting a foreign port would help mitigate continued job and revenue loss and provide relief to an industry with an economic impact that spans across every region of the state and employs people from Ketchikan to Nome; and

Whereas, other federal laws may interfere with the ability of certain ships to hire and retain crews on routes to the state that do not include a stop in Canada; and

Whereas, small business owners, families, and young people in the state depend on tourism jobs for their livelihoods, and a missed cruise season could cause irreparable economic harm;

Be it resolved, that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress to exempt certain cruise ships sailing to the state from provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act and other federal laws that require cruise ships to stop at a Canadian or other foreign port in order to operate in the state for the period during which Canadian ports are closed to cruise ships carrying more than 100 people; and be it

Further resolved, that, if the United States Congress does not exempt cruise ships from the requirements of the Passenger Vessel Services Act and any other applicable provisions of federal law, the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the United States, to the extent allowed by law, to exercise his authority to allow cruise ships to travel directly on round-trip itineraries to and from ports in the State of Washington and this state while Canadian ports are closed to cruise ships.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States; the Honorable Kamala D.

Harris, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 117th United States Congress.

POM-82. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida urging the United States Congress to enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-83. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Wyoming County, New York memorializing its opposition to the enactment of laws that place unreasonable liability exposure on the backs of legitimate manufacturers or "gun industry members"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-84. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to access to federal court documents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. STABENOW for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

\*Homer L. Wilkes, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Patricia Tolliver Giles, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Michael S. Nachmanoff, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Sarala Vidya Nagala, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Omar Antonio Williams, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Matthew M. Graves, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Erek L. Barron, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Nicholas W. Brown, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Clifford D. Johnson, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Zachary A. Myers, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Trini E. Ross, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Vanessa Waldref, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2810. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure the solvency of the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund by extending the excise tax on coal; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2811. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program to pre-program suicide prevention resources into smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2812. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a small business start-up tax credit for veterans creating businesses in underserved communities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

S. 2813. A bill to create a mandatory safety standard to require portable generators to meet certain standards relating to carbon monoxide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2814. A bill to provide for affordable access to insulin and epinephrine; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 2815. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the continued implementation on a permanent basis of the Part D Senior Savings model; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Ms. LUMMIS):

S. 2816. A bill to establish a youth savings match grant program for students in grades 9 through 12; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 2817. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish readjustment counseling and related mental health services to family members of members of the Armed Forces or veterans who died by suicide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2818. A bill to permit under certain conditions the transportation of passengers between the State of Alaska and other United States ports on vessels not qualified to engage in the coastwise trade that transport more than 1,000 passengers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2819. A bill to provide a process for ensuring the United States does not default on its obligations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN:

S. 2820. A bill to provide rental vouchers for the homeless, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. COONS):

S. 2821. A bill to establish eligibility requirements for education support professionals under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2822. A bill to ensure the United States maintains a competitive edge over China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ERNST, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 2823. A bill to ensure that all fast-tracked reconciliation bills are subject to a committee hearing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. RISCH:

S. 2824. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to promote timely exploration for geothermal resources under geothermal leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2825. A bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act to revise the definition of "affected area" and extend the period in which compensation may be provided, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2826. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to Chinese and Russian companies that sign contracts or otherwise do business with the Taliban in strategic resource sectors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2827. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify venue requirements relating to bankruptcy proceedings; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2828. A bill to authorize U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to process employment-based immigrant visa applications after September 30, 2021, and to award such visas to eligible applicants from the pool of unused employment-based immigrant visas during fiscal years 2020 and 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 2829. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to require the contractual provision by large issuers of procedural privileges with respect to certain shareholder claims relating to board and management accountability for "woke" social policy actions as a condition of listing on a national securities exchange; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 2830. A bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2831. A bill to require the National Flood Insurance Program to accept mid-term cancellations of flood insurance coverage if the insured acquires alternative coverage; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2832. A bill to prohibit the National Flood Insurance Program from providing flood insurance subsidies for single-family residences that are valued at more than \$1,000,000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2833. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to address the premium rates for certain properties under the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2834. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. 2835. A bill to terminate authorizations for the use of military force and declarations of war no later than 10 years after the enactment of such authorizations or declarations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KING, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2836. A bill to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 2837. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to clarify rules relating to drug discounts for covered entities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2838. A bill to require the Director of the Government Publishing Office to establish and maintain an online portal accessible to the public that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of all congressionally mandated reports in one place, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2839. A bill to provide an additional \$1,000,000,000 for the Government of Israel to procure the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2840. A bill to permit civil actions against the United States for COVID-19 vaccination mandates; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2841. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publicly disclose information regarding adverse effects of COVID-19 vaccines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2842. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from requiring that members of the Armed Forces receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2843. A bill to prohibit the imposition of a fine, fee, or taxation on any person for violation of a COVID-19 vaccine mandate issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or any other executive agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2844. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish all of